



HE IS MY NEIGHBOR

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7/14 Woodridge



Woodridge is a location we do not visit frequently enough and the migrant worker population here seems to have grown a lot since the last time we were here. This Home Depot is quite unlike the Bellaire one in that the management is very relaxed about the migrant workers loitering on the parking

lot. The migrant workers here are even allowed to solicit their service in helping to load materials onto customers cars or trucks. As a result, there are a lot of migrant workers congregate here which represent a great opportunity to preach the gospel to them.



On this particular Saturday, Paco, Shell, Olvin, Carlos, Lukas, and Kris all joined together to serve and witness for God. We prayed together and was able to gather around 40 migrant workers for our service. Most were very engaged during the sermon and at the end, two people repented their sin and accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Many people came forward and expressed their interest to know more about God and the bible. They actively asked for a copy of the bible and we gave away all 20 bibles I have brought. Such interest in the word of God is unprecedented and we were all very encouraged by seeing God's work in the hearts of these people and our faith is strengthen as well. God is indeed gracious and merciful to us.

At the end we passed out food that we received from the Houston Food bank and the migrant workers were very grateful for the sermon, the food, and the bibles. God is GOOD!



7/21 West Bellfort

Deuteronomy 15:4

However, there need be no poor people among you, for in the land of the Lord your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you



As many of you can see from these photos, this location on West Bellfort road in SW Houston, is a very special place. We at HIMN have recognized this area as one of the most in need of God' and Christ's love. Although it may be obvious, I will explain a bit about how this area and many of our migrant brothers have suffered, and continue to suffer, from poverty and lack of opportunity and are in a crisis of life for Christ's salvation and healing.

Many of us volunteers for HIMN have witnessed a number of our migrant brothers over the years turn to whatever they can to help deal with stress and the difficult life of living job to job for food, family costs and related, living expenses. Often we see our brothers turn to drink, start living several to a single bedroom apartment, even living on the streets and local alleys. We share scripture with our brothers to raise them up, to give them hope from Christ's biblical promises that there will be difficulty in this life for us all, but holding on to their Christian faith will bring salvation and a paradise in the next life, no more suffering. We encourage them often to turn away from drink, to grab a bible instead of drink in their moments of weakness and suffering. We prayed for and handed out several Nuevo Testamento (New Testament) bibles in Spanish today. We prayed over brothers that were suffering from the ill effects of drinking and hangovers. These men want work not a handout, they seek an honest days work or an honest days pay, but their stress and challenges often push them to self-medicate with beer. Please pray for Christ's strength and new provision for their precious lives.

In addition to personal struggles, our brothers are also experiencing a number of other challenges - from fewer day jobs paying less money, to increased heat and drought and the effects that has on the body, to aging and deteriorating health in some cases to increased immigration and local authorities scrutiny.



Would like to take this opportunity to call out for new volunteers to HIMN. If you have the ability to be compassionate and care for others then HIMN volunteering could be for you. Consider how you have been blessed in your life and whether you are willing to bless others with your time and prayers. If you have interest please contact the person that sent you this HIMN newsletter, they can provide you additional details on how you can join HIMN to serve the Lord and others. Many thanks to those willing to volunteer.



Peace in Christ,

Christopher
HIMN Staff Volunteer



7/28 West Park

HIMN Report for July 28, 2018

West Park.

This very hot day, the workers seemed very reluctant to cross the street to join us until a police car appeared and entered the parking lot of the Shell Station. Suddenly, we had an audience of over 40 join us to hear Pastor Jesus preach.

His theme verse was Luke 19:9, from the story of Zacchaeus. (“Today salvation has come to your house.”)

After enjoying the food and cold drinks, many of the workers were eager to receive Gospels of Juan or Nuevos Testamentos that were available.

West Park

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Today we had Jesus (preacher), Bob and me attending this event. Before coming to the spot, I prayed hard for this event, asking God to give me more of His love for the migrant workers. God is almighty God and can make disciples without my participation at all. But God wants us to go and make disciples, I believe there is a reason for Him to ask us to do it. He promised when we go out to make disciples,

“And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

He promised his presence when we are making disciples.

Therefore, I prayed to myself before going to the location of today’s event,

“Father, give me more sensitivity to know you are with us when we are making disciples.”

Before we started the event, we three prayed and then Jesus and Bob went to Shell Gas Station on the other side to invite migrant workers to come to this side under the bridge for the event. All the workers at that time were standing at Shell Gas Station. No one was on our side.

Later, Jesus and Bob both came back. No one was following them.

“Today will be a terrible day with zero attendance!”

I was so disappointed to see this happen.

Suddenly, I heard a sound of whistle blowing. Then, we saw migrant workers quickly moving toward us, crossing the highway and coming to us.

“Police is coming!”

Migrant workers came to our spot, picking up the food and drink that we prepared. Jesus took the moment starting his sermon.

I was so thrilled! I sensed something miraculously happening. The Police sent the crowd of migrant workers to us at the right instant!

Without God's intervention, how could the Police know what we wanted and did something to "help" us?

The crowd was widespread at beginning. Some of them might come here without choice. They didn't show much interest in possible preaching. I closed my eyes and prayed hard for Jesus' sermon. May God open these people's eyes and soften their hearts for the message.

At the end, I opened my eyes and realized I was standing in a circle of attentive migrant workers who showed eagerness to hear Jesus message! Jesus' message has touched these people's hearts.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR HIS PRESENCE WITH US, AMEN!

From *Wanchan Ohyan*

